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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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International application No. PCT/JP2005/010927	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 June 2005 (15.06.2005)	Priority date (day/month/year) 17 June 2004 (17.06.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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- This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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TRANSLATION

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-29	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-29	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-29	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
Document 1:	WO 2003/047175 A (MILLENNIAL NET, INC.), 05 June 2003, page 39, line 19 to page 41, line 7; Fig. 9 & JP 2005-510956 A		
Document 2:	JP 2005-151525 A (Sony Corp.), 09 June 2005, Par. Nos. 0183 to 0232; Figs. 7, 9 to 11		
Document 3:	Eimitsu KANZAKI, "Ad Hoc Network ni okeru Network Topology no Henka ni Ojita TDMA Slot Wariate Shuho ni Tsuite", Information Processing Society of Japan Kenkyu Hokoku, 2004-DPS-116-8, 29 January 2004, Vol. 2004, No. 9, pages 43 to 48		
<p>Document 1 describes shifting a time slot when a terminal detects a collision at a specific time slot.</p> <p>Although published after the priority date of the international application, document 2 describes that in case of beacon collision, a beacon transmission position is changed through reporting, via an ALERT field of a beacon frame, of a change in beacon transmission position of an own communication station.</p> <p>Document 3 describes that upon detection of terminal collision, an anomaly detection reporting packet is transmitted so that the terminal causing the collision receives this packet and transmits own assignment information after a random wait time.</p> <p>None of documents 1 to 3 cited in the ISR describes the feature of the inventions of claims 1-29, to the effect that when a frame extracted from a received beacon is a frame reporting a collision with a beacon of another network, a collision report frame for relaying the collision report is generated, and an instruction is issued for transmitting the collision report frame at a beacon transmission timing.</p>			

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2005-151525 A	09.06.2005	24.06.2004	24.10.2003
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2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 18 is not sufficiently supported by the description. Specifically, the description does not recite that the frame judgment unit judges whether or not an extracted frame is a frame requiring data transmission/reception. Herein, paragraph 0093 merely describes that the frame judgment unit 202 judges a frame type and, when the received frame is not a beacon frame, upper layer processing is performed in the upper layer processing unit 204.